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## PENNSYLVANIA'S FRUIT CROPS

**HARRISBURG** --- Pennsylvania's 1999 utilized production of the six major fruit crops totaled 385,350 tons, up 33 percent from 1998. The value of these six fruit crops was 109.0 million dollars, up 16 percent from last year.

Pennsylvania's 1999 utilized apple production totaled 505 million pounds, up 30 percent from 1998. Total value of production was 55.0 million dollars. Utilized peach production totaled 73 million pounds, up 12 percent from 1998. The total value of utilized production was 23.5 million dollars. Utilized pear production was 4,000 tons, down 34 percent from last year. Value of utilized production was 1.7 million dollars. Utilized production of sweet cherries was 750 tons in 1999, up 88 percent from 1998. Total value of the utilized production was 2.0 million dollars. Utilized tart cherry production totaled 7.2 million pounds, up 71 percent from the 1998 crop. The value of the crop was 2.1 million dollars. Grape production, at 88,000 tons, was up 63 percent from 1998. Value of production was 24.7 million dollars.

The final U.S. utilized production total for the leading non-citrus fruit crops for 1999 was 17.3 million tons, up 5 percent from 1998's record production. The total value of utilized production was 8.28 billion dollars, up 14 percent from 1998.

U.S. utilized production figures for 1999 are as follows: apples, 10.4 billion pounds; peaches, 2.42 billion pounds; pears, 1.02 million tons; sweet cherries, 227,900 tons; tart cherries, 254.4 million pounds; and grapes, 6.23 million tons.